

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shigeru UMINO et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED ZINC-BASED PLATING

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A steel sheet having surface-treated zinc-based plating according to claim 1, wherein the organic resin layer has a coverage of 10 to 80% with respect to the intermediate layer.

## REMARKS

The above change in the claim merely places this national phase application in the same condition as it was during the international phase, with the multiple dependency being removed.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to the claim by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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